Bill has not been objected to. It is on these grounds that I moved for the suspension of the Rules and for the principle of the Bill being taken up for consideration at this meeting. As however the sense of the Council seems to be otherwise, I beg now to move that permission may be granted to me to introduce the Bill, and that the Bill be published in the Gazette, so that the discussion of the principle may be taken up at the next meeting of the Council.

Permission was granted accordingly.

THE HIGH COURT REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—Sir, I beg permission to move for the operation of the Rules being suspended under Section 66 of the Legislative Council Rules and to introduce the High Court Regulation Amendment Bill. The Bill, as the Statement of Objects and Reasons therefor shows, merely vests certain powers in a single Judge of the High Court. These are powers relating to miscellaneous matters and are mostly dealt with by a single Judge in the Madras High Court. I further move for the affirmation of the principle thereof. My reason for asking for the suspension of the Rules is that I consider the Bill urgent, as there is much congestion of work in the High Court, and it is desirable to pass the Bill into law by the time the High Court reopens after the coming midsummer vacation.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Copies of the draft Bill, with the Statement of Objects and Reasons, were then circulated among the members, and after the members had perused the Bill, Mr. Ananda Row's motion was taken up.

Mr. Madhavan Tampi.— I am of the view that the Bill should pass through the usual stages, as some of the provisions require careful study and consideration.

Mr. Kesava Pillai.— I too think that the power proposed to be given to single Judges in the matter of disposal of revision petitions, and probably also the last Clause in the Bill require study, and there may possibly be differences of opinion as regards these provisions. I am therefore for allowing the Bill to take its usual course. Leave may be granted at this meeting to introduce the Bill.

Permission was accordingly granted to the Mover to introduce the Bill at the next meeting of the Council.

The Council also resolved that the Bill be published in the Gazette immediately, so that the discussion of the principle may be taken up at the next meeting.

THE TOBACCO BILL.

Mr. Raman Pillai.—I beg leave to present the report of the Select Committee on the Tobacco Regulation Amendment Bill. The report and the amended Bill have been duly circulated among the Members and published in the Gazette. I beg to move that the Bill may be taken up for consideration.

Section 1.

Mr. Vieyra.—I propose to insert the word "it" between the words "a" and "shall" in line 3.

Seconded by Mr. Ananda Row.

Carried.

Section 6.

Mr. Raman Pillai.—I beg to propose that for the word 'Departments' in line 3, "Department" be substituted. The amendment is verbal.

Seconded by Mr. Ananda Row.

Carried.

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